

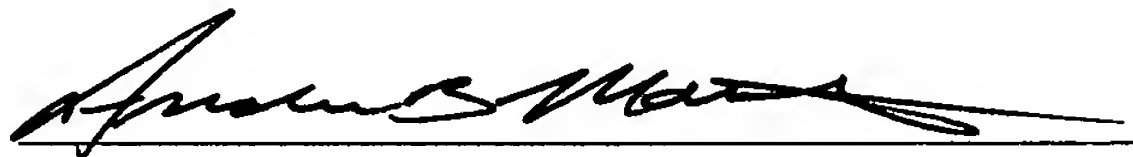
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REMARKS

The Applicants expressly acknowledge the indication by the Examiner that claims 1-9, 26 and 27 are allowed. On further consideration of the rejection of claims 28 and 29 the Applicants respectfully request cancellation thereof and as such believe that all pending claims are in form for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner deems a telephone conversation would be beneficial in resolving any remaining matters or to place the claims in better form for allowance, the same would greatly be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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